

## **“What Youth Soccer Has Meant To Me”**

I have played organized soccer for the last 10 years of my life and have evolved into the person I am today through those years. I have made some of my best friendships through my teammates and grown so close to my coaches and trainers. Youth Soccer has given me a wonderful opportunity to develop my game and teach me life long lessons. Soccer has strengthened many qualities in my life. It has taught me how to be apart of a team and work towards a common goal. I have learned how to set goals and have seen the satisfaction of achieving those goals. I have witnessed the importance of hard work and dedication. I have been taught discipline and learned many qualities of leadership. I know that my leadership is essential and have felt the responsibility of carrying my team. I have gained trust in my coaches and trainers and have learned to respect them very much.

Soccer has taught me how to prioritize my time between practices, games, tournaments, and homework. It has taken a lot of commitment to be athletically competitive and keep my academic standing. I have experienced many ups and downs thorough soccer and I have had to learn how to handle those obstacles. It has strengthened me in many areas of my life. I have gained a sense of confidence that carries into my everyday life. It has given me motivation. It has given me the opportunity to succeed in something and feel good about myself. I have so many lasting memories of the fun I have shared with my teammates through soccer. I have built many strong friendships that I know I will keep for a long time. I will never forget those precious times and all the wonderful friendships I have made through youth soccer.